

REMARKS

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect one of two perceived patentably distinct groups of claims: **Group I** (claims *1-54 and 75-80*), or **Group II** (claims *55-74*).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, **Group I** (claims *1-54 and 75-80*).

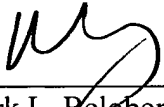
Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement insofar as a search for publications relating to one of the groups of claims would reveal publications relating to the other group and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims readable on the non-elected species in one or more related applications if the restriction requirement is maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

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